

Vision - A World Class School

Arbor Heights' School Communicator

Communications for Our Community from "Your Principal"

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With spring finally here and more daylight for our children to walk to and from school, Arbor Heights sends this reminder to parents, caregivers and drivers to do their part to keep our students safe as they walk to and from school.

As the days grow longer we recommend that parents once again walk the route to school to assess hazards and select a course with the least number of traffic crossings. This is especially important if your child has never walked to or from school or would like to ride a bike to school.

Adults can teach and model the following safety behaviors that all children should follow, even if they don't walk to school every day:

Reminder for your kids:

- Follow the instructions provided by the Arbor Heights' Safety Patrol
- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours

Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

Are you creative? Are you in marketing? Do you have ideas? Do you LOVE Arbor Heights? If so, we'd love to have you on the committee to re-brand our school! Please contact Christy Collins at cacollins@seattleschools.org, by phone 206-252-0950 or in person!

APRIL**Apr 10**

~Class and Individual Picture Day

~ PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm

Apr 13

~Hawk-A-Thon K-5

Apr 16-20~No School~ **SPRING BREAK****Apr 26**

~PTA General Meeting 6:30pm

Apr 28

~PTA Spring Clean-up Day 9:00-12:00pm

MAY**May 1**

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm

May 7

~Monday Morning Monthly Meeting 9:30am

May 7-11

~Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16

~Early Dismissal 1:00pm

May 17

~PTA General Meeting 6:30pm

May 24

Spring Concert

Day 2:00-3:00pm

Evening 7:00-8:00pm

May 28

~Memorial Day Holiday

**~From the PTA~**

~There's still time to **nominate** individuals to the **Arbor Heights PTA Board** for the **2012-2013 school year!** Stepping up and running for any of the board positions is a great way to make a difference at Arbor Heights and in the lives of our children. Some parents have already signed-up yet there are still numerous openings (often times a board position is shared between two people). Please contact Ken Coble, AHPTA VP at topdawgken@aol.com for more information or to sign-up. For more information on the AHPTA Board, please visit arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA

~The 2nd Annual **Hawk-A-Thon** is just around the corner! **Friday, April 13th.** This is a major fundraiser for our school which provides funding support for the overall school budget and overall school enrichment. In addition, 4th and 5th graders use their raised money to 5th Grade Camp. Check out arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA+Hawk-A-Thon for all the latest (or your child's back-pack).

~~A **BIG thank you** to everyone for organizing, helping, selling, serving, eating, playing Bingo, etc...at the Annual **Bingo Night** festivities. Without all of you, it wouldn't happen! **We are also happy to share that our bake sale raised \$474!**

~We need your help to make these **Spring activities** a success: **Hawk-A-Thon, Spring Clean-up, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, Field Day and Spring Carnival** as well as ongoing activities such as Communications Committee, Grant Writing Committee, Playground Help and Office Help. Please fill out the Spring Volunteer Flyer that came home with your child or view/download it here arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA+Volunteering

The Arbor Heights PTA would like to make a special thank you to Pagliacci Pizza for generously donating the 25 delicious pizzas that were served at our school Bingo Night.





CONGRATULATIONS

Arbor Heights Global Reading Challenge Finalists –Da Peeps!

The Global Reading Challenge is a Battle of the Books program for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in the Seattle Public Schools. The program encourages children to have fun and enjoy the sport of reading. After reading 10 books, children take part in a

"Quiz Bowl" game to determine the winner for the city of Seattle.

The collaborative effort was born to promote the love of reading and have fun doing it. It has also provided a recreational outlet for readers, introduced students to a wide variety of multicultural reading materials, promoted teamwork, and most of all, encouraged the use and enjoyment of our school and the public libraries.

Arbor Heights' 5th grade students who challenged all the way to the Seattle City Finals: Steph Glascock, Siobhan Kenny, Ruby Barone, Ayden Al-Shimary, Chase Woods, Dylan Grinnell, and Stone Machel. Teachers Mr. Gonzalez and Mrs. Hagen you were superstars, too!

Extended Arbor Heights Community News & Happenings

~Looking for a feel-good way to get rid of all manner of derelict stuff languishing in your garage? The Green Committee at Fauntleroy Church has just the ticket: its semi-annual free **Recycle Roundup on Sunday, April 29, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. The crew from 1 Green Planet will be there to take tons of recyclables for responsible return to the resource stream. Visit www.fauntleroyucc.org for an exhaustive list of what can be recycled and what cannot.

~Did you know there are over 2200 households in the Arbor Heights Neighborhood? An Arbor Heights Neighbor has started an online group for Arbor Heights residents to connect. Check it out at <https://arborheights.nextdoor.com/login>.

BEX IV Levy: Make Your Voice Heard!

How do you feel about the district's proposal to merge Arbor Heights and Roxhill at a new building on the AH campus?

- 1) Take the survey! bit.ly/SPSBEX
- 2) Attend the West Seattle BEX IV Levy Community Input Meeting **TONIGHT (4/05)—6:30-8 p.m @ Denny International Middle School**
- 3) Attend an April Meeting with West Seattle's School Board Director, Marty McLaren:
 - Tuesday, April 10, 1:15 to 3:15pm—Delridge Branch Library
 - Friday, April 20, 5:00 to 6:30pm (Somali and Vietnamese translation available) High Point Center (6400 Sylvan Way)
 - Tuesday, April 24th 1:00 to 2:30pm—Southwest Branch Library
 - Sunday, April 29th, 1:15 - 3:00pm—West Seattle Branch Library



The Think Outside the Car Project, funded in part by a Neighborhood Matching Fund award of [Seattle Department of Neighborhoods](#), supports parent and student volunteers in creating No-Idle campaigns, Walking School Buses and Bike programs through fiscal sponsorship, materials and supplies, and planning. **West Seattle CoolMom** and the TOC Steering Committee are hosting this event to get people excited about the project and garner support - April 28th, 2012. West Seattle CoolMoms selected Arbor Heights as the next school to develop school safety areas and Walking School Buses for school year 2012-2013.

The event takes place at Westside School play area (north side of the building) on 34th and Holden Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the fun activities include:

- [Cascade Bicycle Club's Bike Rodeo](#) for kids ages 2 to 10 years
- [Bike Works](#) demos- Bike Works will be collecting donated bikes and will perform 'how tos' for those novice bike riders
- Bike Parade- kids will decorate their own bikes or make a [Walking School Bus Vest](#) at the event and ride or walk in one of the parades (11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) kids will win prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for best decorations
- Bean Bag Toss- toss a bean bag into our cut out Walking School Bus and win a button
- Raffle drawing- announced at 1 p.m.
- [Undriving](#) license -create your very own Undriving license
- Live music from Bottlerockets
- Food from some of our local Food Trucks

West Seattle CoolMoms and Arbor Heights' CoolMoms hope to see you there!